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FOR DEA CUSTOMS AND NARCOTICS COORDINATORS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SNAR, YO
SUBJECT: HEROIN, LIQUID OPIUM SEIZED

REF: BELGRADE 858 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: IN FIRST SEIZURE OF HEROIN IN YUGOSLAVIA IN OVER A YEAR YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES INTERCEPTED A SHIPMENT OF 100 GRAMS OF FEBRUARY 2. SEIZURES OF HASHISH AT THE DIMITROVGRAD CROSSING FROM BULGARIA CONTINUE TO BE FREQUENT. FOURTEEN KILOGRAMS OF LIQUID OPIUM WAS ALSO SEIZED THERE. INTERNALLY, POLICE LOCATED 525 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH WHICH HAD BEEN HIDDEN IN A WELL IN 1975. DETAILS OF ONE CASE REPORTED IN THE PRESS SHOW WELL-ORGANIZED SYSTEM FOR SMUGGLING HASHISH THROUGH YUGOSLAVIA. END SUMMARY.
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2. ALI YAFFER, DESCRIBED AS A "LOAFER FROM LEBANON", WAS ARRESTED ON FEBRUARY 2 AS HE TRIED TO SMUGGLE 100 GRAMS OF HEROIN AND 110 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH IN HIS MERCEDES CAR. HE WAS PRESUMABLY INTERCEPTED AT THE DIMITROVGRAD BORDER CROSSING, FOR HE WAS SENTENCED AT THE DIMITROVGRAD COURT TO 2 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

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HE INTENDED TO SELL THE DRUGS IN TIALY, ACCORDING TO A
NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT. CHIEF NARCOTICS OFFICER OF THE
INTERIOR SECRETARIAT SAID, THIS SEIZURE, WHICH HE
DESCRIBED AS A "SMALL QUANTITY", IS THE FIRST OF
HEROIN IN YUGOSLAVIA IN A LONG TIME.

3. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT THE DIMITROVGRAD CROSSING
CONTINUE TO MAKE FREQUENT HASHISH SEIZURES, BUT AT A LOWER RATE
THAN LAST YEAR. IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR
THEY STOPPED TWELVE SMUGGLERS WITH 171.5 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH.
NINE WERE TURKS AND 3 LEBANESE. LAST YEAR DURING THE SAME
PERIOD 20 SMUGGLERS WITH OVER 400 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH
WERE INTERCEPTED. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER PRESS REPORT
OFFICIALS FOUND A BAG OF HASHISH HANGING INSIDE THE FUEL
TANK OF AONE AUTOMOBILE.

4. ONE SIEZURE INVOLVED 14 KILOGRAMS OF LIQUID OPIUM.
ALI HUSSEINI, A LEBANESE CITIZEN, WAS INTERCEPTED ON
FEBRUARY 26. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS FOUND PART OF A BICYCLE
INNER TUBE LOADED WITH LIQUID OPIUM HIDDEN IN A VENTILATOR OF
THE CAR. THE DRUGS WERE INTNEDED FOR THE FRENCH MARKET,
ACCORDING TO A PRESS REPORT.

5. WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA CROATIAN POLICE RECENTLY LOCATED
525 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH WIICH HAD BEEN HIDDEN IN A WELL
NEAR SISAK IN 1975.

6. A PRESS ACCOUNT OF THE SEIZURE OF 400 KILOGRAMS OF
HASHISH NEAR SREMSKA MITROVICA REVEALS A WELL-ORGANIZED
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SYSTEM FOR SMUGGLING HASHISH THROUGH YUGOSLAVIA. ON
DECEMBER 20, 1976, A FRED KOENIG ARRIVED IN BELGRADE
BY AIR FROM MUNICH. IN THE RESTAURANT OF THE HOTEL
INTERNATIONAL A MAN PASSED HIM THE KEYS TO AN OPEN
VOLKSWAGON KOMBI WITH DUTCH LICENSE PLATES BJ 76-21.
IT CARRIED A MOTORBOAT. KOENIG, WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM
HIS EMPLOYERS IN AMSTERDAM ACCORDING TO THE NEWS STORY,
FLEW TO GERMANY ON DECEMBER 22 AND RETURNED WITH HIS
GIRLFRIEND, CARLA SCHULZ, A NURSE FROM BERLIN. THEY
THEN BEGAN DRIVING TO LJUBLJANA, BUT THEY STOPPED AT A
MOTEL IN SREMSKA MITROVICA, WHERE HE CALLED HIS EMPLOYERS.
POLICE, APPARENTLY MONITORING ALL INTERNATIONAL CALLS,
BECAME SUSPICIOUS. INSPECTION OF HIS DOCUMENTS SHOWED
THAT HE HAD TWO PASSPORTS WITH DIFFERENT NAMES BUT THE
SAME PHOTOGRAPH AND TWO REGISTRATION CARDS FOR THE
VOLKSWAGON, ONE FORGED. HE WAS SENTENCED TO 3 MONTHS IN
PRISON FOR POSSESSING FORGED DOCUMENTS BUT POLICE
REMAINED SUSPICIOUS BECAUSE HE HAD 40,000 DINARS WORTH
OF RECEIPTS FOR HIS EXPENSES ON THE TRIP (OVER $2,000).

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POLICE TOOK APART THE BOAT AND KOMBI. UNDER THE WOODEN FLOOR OF THE KOMBI THEY FOUND 20 SEALED TINS, EACH CONTAINING 20 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH MARKED WITH THE WORDS "NEPAL" AND "GOLDEN". KOENIG WAS SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT. HIS GIRLFRIEND WAS RELEASED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE. KOENIG SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO GO TO LJUBLJANA, WHERE THE DRUGS WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER VEHICLE (SEE REFTEL FOR A SIMILAR TRANSFER IN LJUBLJANA). FROM LJUBLJANA KOENIG SAID THE DRUGS WERE TO GO VIA TRESTE, VENICE, MILAN, DIJON AND ANTWERP TO AMSTERDAM WHERE HE WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID 1,500 GERMAN MARKS. KOENIG WAS REPORTEDLY BORN IN ZAGREB, BUT HIS FAMILY MOVED TO GERMANY WHEN HE WAS THREE. NEEDLEMARKS ON HIS ARMS INDICATED THAT HE IS A DRUG ADDICT HIMSELF.
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